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THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

To THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY,  
GREETING:

Whereas, Eva Watkins by her petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the petitioner and Isaac Watkins.

We, therefore, command you, as you were herebefore commanded, that you summon Isaac Watkins, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, Monday, the 23d day of November next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Isaac Watkins according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the 3d day of October A. D., 1903.

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Issued Oct. 8th, 1903.

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### UNION OVERTURES

Senator J. Frank Allee has issued a call for a convention of all Republicans to be held in Dover on Wednesday, November 4th, 1908. The avowed object of the convention is to formulate a plan by which the two Republican parties can get together on one ticket, and have but one organization, and it is announced that Secretary of State Layton has a plan already made which will bring about this much desired result. We very much doubt the wisdom of this step at this time, and much more doubt the means taken. In the first place Senator Allee has no authority to call such a convention, even with the consent of the Union Republican State Committee. Both parties (and it must ever be born in mind that they are two parties) have rules made in State Convention and no authority short of a State Convention can change these rules. In the second place, the Republican State Committee should be consulted, and agree to call a State Convention. This has not been done, and probably the slight was intentional.

There is one way and everyone knows the way, to bring about the coalition of the two parties, but as that involves the elimination of Mr. Addicks, the Union Republicans will not consider it at this stage. Probably, later on, if the reports as to Mr. Addicks' losses in the stock market are true, they may be glad to meet the Republicans half way.

The Republican newspapers have not seriously considered this call for a convention, as nothing is expected of it unless it may be a proposition from the Union Republicans. But the Evening Journal takes the opportunity to indulge in one of its characteristic attacks upon ex-Senator Higgins. The Journal has been the chief source of weakness of the Republican party since the split of 1896. At every chance it "jumps with both feet," upon every and all persons who dare to have an opinion different from the Journal's. It has driven more men into the Union Republican ranks than probably, all other things. In season, and out of season, it villifies men who were Republican leaders years before the Journal was thought of, and at none does it throw more mud than at Anthony Higgins. Mr. Higgins has made mistakes, as have all men, but he stands to-day before the people of this State and of the country as the peer of any man in the State. The Republican party to-day stands in need of a leader such as Mr. Higgins was, when he held actual charge of party affairs. We say this with all due deference to present leaders of whom we think there are too many. None of them has been able to take, as a leader should, the entire control of party affairs and rally around him such a corps of workers as Anthony Higgins formerly led. True the party has won victories, but if the work had been well directed the conquest of Democracy would to-day have been complete.

### WARWICK

Mr. Amos Merritt has returned home after a short stay in Milton.

Messrs. Charles and William Vinyard were the guests of Mr. John B. Stephen.

Miss Ella M. Staats, of Charlestown, was a visitor in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Aiken were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones last Saturday.

Mr. William T. Vinyard and son Jessie, are the guests of friends in Wilmington this week.

Mr. A. Wilson Coorhan, of near Sassafras, was the guest of Mr. John H. M. Garner last Sunday.

Mr. John H. M. Garner is erecting a large house and stable on the farm of Mr. B. S. McCauley, near Galena.

Mr. R. B. Merritt and wife have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Delbert Allin, in Delaware City, during the past week.

The public school here has been closed during the week and the teachers have been attending the institute which has been in progress at Elton.

### CECILTON

William Davis spent Tuesday in Elkton.

Frank Revelle spent one day last week in Wilmington.

Quite a number attended Dewey Park Wednesday evening.

Miss Jessie Boulent spent part of this week in town with relatives.

Miss Lillie Pierce is the guest of her uncle, John McElroy, in Middletown.

Miss Blanche Paden is spending a few days with relatives in Chesapeake City.

Miss Clara Manlove had as her guest on Sunday her cousin, Miss Edith Alderson.

Miss Mamie Kinglet, of Kennedysburg, was the guest of Miss Maude Robinson last week.

### ST. GEORGES

Edward Gam was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

George Swain and wife spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Mary Roberts is spending this week in New Castle.

James H. S. Gam is spending several days in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Stewart visited Wilmington on Wednesday.

Miss Ida Wright is spending ten days with relatives in Philadelphia.

Howard Vail, of Boston, is paying a visit to his brothers near town.

Miss Beulah Dolson was the guest of Miss Harriet Carrow on Sunday.

Miss Anna Moore, of Wilmington, is the guest of her parents, John Moore and wife.

Miss Elizabeth Riley has been staying with friends in Wilmington for the past week.

Miss George Hahn, of Odessa, spent last week with her son-in-law, J. H. S. Gam.

Misses Katherine Swain and Katherine Swart were visitors in Philadelphia on Friday.

Mrs. D. C. Wolf was called to Baltimore Monday by the death of a relative on Friday.

Mrs. Jennie Bender, of Port Penn, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Emma Bender.

George Hill and son Frank, are spending sometime with relatives near Yate-

man, Pa.

Mrs. John Moore on Sunday enter-

tained her brother, William Sparks, of State Road.

George Swain and family on Sunday entertained Eugene Gravatt and daughter, of Glasgow.

Mrs. William Roberts and daughter, Miss Harriet were Wilmington visitors on Monday.

Rev. Vaughn S. Collins, of Smyrna, spent part of last week with Rev. O. L. Martin and family.

F. G. Hyde and wife, of Hartford, Conn., are spending several weeks with Dr. J. C. McCoy and family.

John Swartz and daughters, Mis-

ses Beulah and Katie, spent part of last week with Philadelphia friends.

Herbert T. Heisel, of Blairtown, N. J., is paying a visit of three weeks to his parents, Joseph Heisel and wife.

William Aspril, wife and son, of Chesapeake City, were over Sunday guests of J. G. Crompton and family, near town.

Frank Hill, wife and daughter, of Hockessin, were on Sunday entertained by his brother, George Hill and family.

The sale of the "Old and the New," being held by the ladies of the Presbytarian Church is meeting with great suc-

cess.

The W. C. T. U. had a very interesting meeting at the residence of Mrs. G. T. Hill. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon, November 4th, at the home of the President, Mrs. J. R. Milligan.

The K. G. M. Bible Readers will meet at the home of Mrs. Clark Thompson on Monday evening, with Mrs. I. G. Crompton as leader. These meetings are increasing in interest, the music being a special feature.

On Sunday evening in the M. E. Church, Rev. O. L. Martin, Mrs. Martin, and J. B. Nelson will tell what they heard at the great Missionary Convention held in Philadelphia a short time ago, to which they were sent as delegates.

The Sunday School Rally which was given by the Methodist school on Sunday was a very pleasant affair. The church was most beautifully adorned, and the singing and speaking excellent. Miss Alida Price who had charge is to be congratulated. The collection for the benefit of the Sunday School Union, amounted to over ten dollars.

A meeting held in the M. E. Church on Friday evening, at which the Girls' Aid and Saloon League was formed. The following officers were elected: Rev. O. E. Martin, President; Rev. J. R. Milligan, Vice President; Mrs. O. L. Martin, Secretary; J. B. Nelson, Treasurer. Rev. F. G. Collins, of Smyrna, was the speaker of the evening.

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### SASSAFRAS

Mrs. Frederick Robertson visited Middletown on Monday.

Monday was donation day at the parsonage in Warwick.

Mr. John F. Ernest and sons visited Middletown on Friday last.

Mr. William Conegys, of Millington, visited Sassafras on Wednesday.

Our housekeepers are all very busy on their annual trip at housecleaning.

We feel very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Staats of Middletown.

The relatives here of Miss May Ernest attended her wedding in Philadelphia, Thursday.

Mr. Louis Dreka returned home on Saturday after a weeks sojourn in Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie Gunkil, of Warwick, was the guest Wednesday of her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest.

Miss Ethel Lofland, of McDonough, is being entertained by Miss Alice Dreka at "Water Lodge."

Miss Mary Price is being entertained by Miss Alice Walters at the home of her uncle, Mr. T. Othonos.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester and children were entertained on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin.

Mrs. Harry Griffith and daughters spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Walter Schriver, near McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained on Sunday evening their son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffith, of near Cecilton.

The Ladies' Improvement Society will hold a chrysanthemum exhibition on Monday and Tuesday evenings, November 9th and 10th in Chestertown.

For the past several weeks Mr. Alexander T. Lawe has been suffering from a severe attack of acute bronchial affection and heavy cold which has turned to the grippe.

The social event last week was the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price on Thursday last in honor of Mrs. Mary C. McAleer and daughters, Misses Daisy, Carrie, Edna and Elsie, and friend Miss Ada Cochran of Middletown, and Dr. J. Wright, of Warwick, and Mr. Harry Brady, of near Middletown.

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### TOWNSEND

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Miss W. W. Lynam and son William were in Smyrna Wednesday.

Miss Anna Sharpless visited her home in Landenberg, Pa., Sunday.

Mr. Ethel Merritt, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. John Lattonius last week.

Miss Mary Davis, of Wilmington, is visiting her brother, Mrs. W. H. Money.

Mrs. W. N. Watt, Mrs. W. H. Money, and Mrs. D. B. Jones visited Middletown Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pritchard, of St. Georges, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. I. P. Pritchard.

Mr. John Stradley, of Clayton, spent a few days this week with his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Hutchinson.

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## .. GLADYS THE HEIRESS ..

BY VILLOT WHYTE

### CHAPTER I

Well, if you won't come out, auntie, I shall go down to the shore with Dido, said a fresh young voice.

I must finish this letter to Robert, dear, "auntie" answered. The mail goes tomorrow; and he will be so dreadfully disappointed if there is no letter. For, you know, I did not write last week.

Robert, poor darling, shall not be disappointed! the girl laughed. Give him my love; and tell him that most probably my new photographs will be done by next week; and if they are, he shall have one. And now I am going. Bye-bye, dearie; and don't expect me until tea-time.

The girl took a sailor hat of white straw, bound with a white ribbon, from the sofa, and set it carelessly on her golden curls.

Come, Dido! she said briskly.

A huge retriever appeared from beneath the table, and followed her out of the long window, which opened on to a narrow strip of lawn; and they made their way from the cottage down the cliff.

Now do pray be careful how you go, Dido! the girl cried to the dog, just as she might have spoken to a man. If you don't travel cautiously, you'll be making a false step; and then, when I get to the foot, there will be nothing but a general smash to sweep over.

Dido, became an intelligent dog, moderated her pace, and walked sedately by her mistress's side until they reached the firm level sands. Then the golden-haired girl picked up a stone, and threw it with all her force into the water. The dog dashed in after it; and with a laugh, the girl walked on, laughing still more when Dido came tearing after her, shaking all the salt water over her blue serge dress.

Such a glorious afternoon it was! The village of Sandine, perched on the top of the cliffs, lay in a blaze of golden light, and the waves, which usually seemed intent upon tearing down the cliffs, had ceased from their efforts for a time, and had apparently only sufficient strength to lap languidly upon the sands, which ran far out from the shore.

The girl, with the big dog for company, walked briskly along the firm wet sands, towards the west, and after awhile sat down on a rock to rest. While the girl sat down the dog roamed about, slipping in and out of the shallow pools, sniffing at the sea-weed, and poking her nose into every corner and crevice she could find.

If you take my advice, Dido, the girl said presently, you will come here and recruit your strength for the walk home. We've come a mile and a half; if it were straight-walking—which it is not; and, by the time we get to the cliff, you'll be dragging yourself along as if you'd walked fifty miles.

But Dido, being engaged in an exciting chase after a small crab and a sea-anemone, took no notice whatever of her mistress's advice, and presently suffered in consequence, as a dismal howl proclaimed.

Now what is the matter? the girl cried, jumping up and running to her. Oh, Dido, poor old woman! What a bad business—for a large crab had caught her paw in a vicious grip. Here, let me unfasten it!

She released Dido from the crab; but unluckily the creature's other claw seized upon her own little white hand, and the girl uttered an agonizing shriek of pain.

My dear child, stand still, a voice said impatiently. I will have it off in an instant.

A firm hand caught hold of the disengaged claw and thrust the end of a walking stick between the forces. It is one moment her hand was free.

I'm sure you're awfully kind, she said, trying bravely to bear the pain, and succeeding very badly. But the crab had hold of Dido; and I'm afraid she's very much hurt.

Never mind the dog, her deliverer answered. I wish I had some warm water to bathe your poor little hand. It is almost crushed to pieces.

The girl's slender white hand, with a great purple bruise across it, was still lying in his broad strong one, and he was trying to shake the crab off the end of his stick.

Could you bear to put it in the water? he asked.

The girl shook her head, and two great tears rolled down her cheeks, and fell upon his hand.

I dare not! she answered, half sobbing. I'll go straight home and put it in warm water.

I am afraid it is hurting you dreadfully, he said in commiserating tones.

Horrific! she answered candidly. I'll wrap it up in my handkerchief, and rush home at once. Oh, I have left it behind me!

Use mine, he returned promptly, drawing a crimson silk handkerchief from his pocket. I will wrap it up for you.

The girl stood quite still until he had completed the task, and then she laughed through her tears.

You are like the good Samaritan, she said, raising her soft violet eyes to his keen blue ones. You must come back with me, if you don't mind, she continued, that my aunt may thank you for your kindness.

You live with an aunt?

Oh, no! At least, we are staying here—with a soft half-languor. We are going to stay in Sandine six months. And that reminds me that I ought to tell you who I am, since that wretched crab introduced us without mentioning either of our names.

And I too, he interrupted. My name is Gerard Fane—your service. Now, may I hear yours?

I call myself Branscombe—Gladys Branscombe, she answered, with a sudden deepening of the rose flush in her cheeks.

Gladys! he repeated, in rather a startled tone.

Yes. Is there anything strange about it? she asked.

Not at all. It is an exquisite name, he answered quickly, and it suits you exactly. There has been a horror of ugly names, just as I have of ugly people—with a smile. Always when I first meet a lady, I almost dread hearing her name, lost it should prove to be Pheobe or Martha.

Mrs. McDonald—who was not a dragon at all, but a very charming woman—returned, carrying a sponge and a basin filled with warm water.

I can't bear the sponge, auntie, said Gladys, dashing her tears away with her right hand. Oh, Mr. Fane, what a poor creature you must think me! I never could bear pain. I am not of the material of which heroic women are made.

Don't admire heroic women, he returned, holding out his hand for the basin. Mrs. McDonald, if you have any cool cream and some strips of linen, I think I can tie up Miss Branscombe's hand almost as well as any doctor-fellow.

I will get some, she answered hastily; and she left the room again.

Now put your hand in here, and it will ease the pain wonderfully.

Gladys did as he bade her. He had taken a chair and held the basin upon his knee, while she plunged her hand beneath the water.

I beg you will not, he replied; though I am sure, played by you, any air or arrangement would sound well. Yet,

while there are the glorious compositions of Beethoven and Mozart, to say nothing of the modern composers of the foreign schools, it seems a pity to neglect them for conglomerations of notes which can scarcely be dignified by the name of music.

Oh, what a disquisition! Gladys cried. Would you mind saying it over again?

You are satirical, he said, smiling.

Not at all. I am only not a blue-stocking, she retorted.

Heaven forbid! he ejaculated fervently. There is nothing so dreadful as a blue-stocking.

Dear me, said Gladys demurely, I wonder what sort of women do you like!

They were once more alone, for Mrs. McDonald had gone to finish her letter to her boy Robert.

The sort of woman I like, said Gerard, leaning his arms upon the table and looking straight at her, is gentle.

Yes?

Gentle in every way—by birth, by education, by nature.

Humph, said the girl doubtfully—a sort of tame sheep! Go on.

Not at all. She is gentle; her voice is low and sweet.

I have heard that in a song somewhere, Gladys interrupted. Oh, I know; Yes, it is "Annie Laurie," of course! Well, Mr. Fane, go on.

Being gentle, she should also be yielding, to certain persons; she should look to a stronger arm for aid, and not rely only on herself.

I suppose not. Then there was a moment's silence. You said you were going to stay some?

Yes, six months or so, unless it grows very cold; and then, I suppose, we should have to go home.

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